

SENATE BILL 938

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38
and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42, relative to school
resource officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4202, is amended by adding
the following as new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(___) "School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer, as defined
under § 39-11-106, who is certified by the peace officers standards and training
commission and has received a minimum of forty (40) hours of training in school policing
and who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of
understanding between the chief of the appropriate law enforcement agency and the
local education agency.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4217, is amended by deleting
the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

49-6-4217.

(a) Training courses for school resource officers shall be designed
specifically for school policing and shall be administered by an entity or
organization approved by the peace officers standards and training commission.

(b) School resource officers shall participate in annual advanced training
in school policing.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, is amended by adding
the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

38-8-__.

A memorandum of understanding may be entered into between a chief of a law enforcement agency and a local education agency to provide school policing.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

38-8-__.

A law enforcement officer may substitute a maximum of forty (40) hours of successfully completed training in school policing for regular continuing education hours.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.